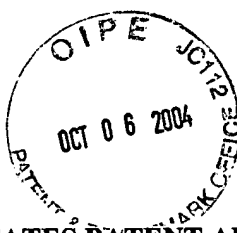


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APPLICANTS : Richard A. Shimkets
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 7, 2004 Final Office Action, and further to the August 25, 2004 Advisory Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this response is due on or before October 7, 2004. Check No. 19441 for \$490.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

No additional fees are believed due at this time. However, the Commissioner may charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 (Cura 57). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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